



A Walk in the Footsteps November 2004 Newsletter of Jesus

THEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM, AND HE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR SIGHT. THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED WITH US ON THE ROAD AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?"

LUKE 24: 31,32

Welcome Pilgrims

The Foothills Emmaus community extends a hearty welcome to the pilgrims who attended Walk #29. During the closing services each weekend, the expressions on your faces were evidence enough that God's love had been felt. The Emmaus weekend is truly a mountain top experience for most.

As your 4th day continues, be aware that the world will try to tear apart what God has done for you. Reunion groups are an integral part of keeping yourself and others accountable. I can honestly say that after my walk I wanted to change the world and things in my church, but for all the wrong reasons. Yes, I was fired up for God but everything was not as broken as I perceived. I give thanks to a wonderful wife and friends who graciously and boldly told me I was wrong. They kept me accountable.

As you return to your respective churches be mindful that you are not special because you were on a Walk to Emmaus. However, let your new love and commitment to serve our Lord be a beacon of light to those in need. I am fully confident that each of you will be vital leaders in your church and servants to our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to getting to know you as you become involved in the Emmaus community.

I want to say a special thank you to all the volunteers and team members who made these walks possible. Each of you were the "face of Jesus" as you served tireless hours with a smile, a hug, and agape love.

DeColores,
Dennis Smith,
Chairman

THANKSGIVING is almost here....Christmas is waiting in the wings.

Thanksgiving is the least complicated of all our Holidays...the ideal day to look at how we live and what we have deemed important...to appreciate the idea of life, not the trappings of lifestyle.

Consider the phrase, "Pilgrim Fathers" That sounds like old men with white beards and dark clothing. Most of the pilgrims at the time of their arrival in America were still young men and women. William Bradford was 31 years old when he was first appointed governor of the colony. The other pilgrims were of about the same age or even younger. Reading Bradford's account of the founding of Plymouth Colony and it's early struggles, we developed a strong sense of spiritual kinship with him and the pilgrims. Their whole way of life was based upon the systematic study and application of the Scriptures.

The statement of mission of the pilgrims was:" Lastly (and which was not least), a great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation, or at least to make some sway thereunto, for ye propagation and advancing ye gospel of ye kingdom of Christ in these remote parts of ye world; Yea, thou they should be but ever as stepping-stones unto others for ye performing of so great a work."...Gov William Bradford, "Of Plymouth Plantation," 1647

The prayer at the First Thanksgiving was "Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks! Thy wondrous works declare" (Psalm 75:1)

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When spring came, the pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and the rain helped the seeds to grow and much food was harvested in the next fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed 5 kernels of corn beside their plate to remind them of their blessings. You and your family might try this same custom as a reminder of all our blessings we share together.

- 1) First kernel to remind us of the Autumn beauty (be specific)
- 2) Second kernel to remind us of our love for those around us (name)
- 3) Third kernel to remind us of something positive in our life. (Remember many of the Pilgrims had lost their whole families to death but could still look to their faith in God,
- 4) Fourth kernel to remind us of our friends (Those who have stood with us during both good days and difficult times.)
- 5) Fifth kernel to remind us of our freedoms (Speech, Worship, Assembly, Press).

Greetings from the Transportation Chairman

God was really at work during the walks and His presence was felt by all. We thank Him for supplying all our needs regarding transportation. The special people he supplied to us made our efforts so much easier.

When people volunteer their services, it helps the program run so much smoother!

Please, be in prayer for the Spring walks, and consider what you might do to make all of our efforts easier!.

DeColores

Jim Bleakley
Transportation Committee

Refreshment Committee

Thanks to all who helped provide refreshments to the pilgrims on the Walks. It is the devotion and selfless service of those in the community that make Emmaus different from other organizations. Through thoughtful acts of agape love, others are lead to a closer relationship with Christ. You were God's hands and feet!

DeColores
Kathy Mims



Agape Gratitude

Thanks to all groups and individuals who provided agape for Walk #29. The community effort to provide table agape by send off prior to each walk was most helpful and appreciated. A special word of thanks is appropriate for those who graciously and anonymously assisted in the agape room.

Already planning for the spring walks? May I offer a few practical suggestions? Cloth bags for pilgrims and team to collect table agape are needed as well as earplugs for pillow agape. Enjoy woodwork? A larger mail organizer would be a functional and valuable gift to the community.

Need more suggestions? Want to help with agape in the spring? The board welcomes your call. The pilgrims and team of Walk #30 will be blessed by whatever you or your group chooses to do.

DeColores,
Dianne Perry, Agape

Welcome to all Pilgrims from the October Walks!

We look forward to seeing you at the Gatherings, and getting to know you better. Our Emmaus Family is blessed to have you join us.

The left over books from the October Walks' Book Tables will be available at the November gathering. So, if you saw a book you wanted but didn't want to do an IOU, you can purchase it at the gathering. If you have an IOU for the Book Table, please bring your payment with you. If you don't remember the amount, I will have the IOUs with me for verification

Thank you for your support of the Emmaus Community Literature Committee.

Christina Turner, chairperson

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VOTING WILL CONCLUDE AT THE NOV. 19 GATHERING.

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SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT.....

The Board is contemplating having two Women's Walks in the Fall of 2005. There are a large number of single women on the waiting list and it continues to grow with every Walk. We are limited in the number of spaces for single men and lady pilgrims on each Walk. We have a much greater list for the ladies.

The Board is aware that three weekends will require a greater commitment on the part of our community. Extra help will be needed on all committees. Think of all the extra opportunities to show our agape love!

Please be in prayer for guidance for the Board, the pilgrims, the teams, and how you might help.

Foothills Emmaus Board of Directors

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Check out our Community Website
For news, Weekend directions and updates:
WWW.FOOTHILLSEMMAUS.HOMESTEAD.COM
Password Hint: The song you sang for your meals!

*****THIS MONTH'S GATHERING*****

Friday November 19, 7:30 pm

**McCormick First Baptist Church
108 North Oak Street
McCormick, SC 29835**

Depending on your starting point: follow Hwy 221 to McCormick, Hwy 25 south to Hwy 221 in Greenwood, or follow I-385 to Hwy 221 south to Greenwood. Continue South on 221 to McCormick. Once in McCormick, Hwy 378 joins 221. Watch for Oak Street soon after. (If you come to the RR tracks, turn around and go back 2 blocks) Turn left on Oak Street and the church will be on your left.

If you are coming from Anderson & Abbeville, take Hwy 28 South to McCormick. Turn left at the light @ the intersection of 221/378. Go 2 blocks and turn right on Oak Street and the church is on your left.

**UPCOMING GATHERINGS:
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FEBRUARY ALDERSGATE UMC, GREENVILLE**